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13-17 May and 26-30 August 1996
Agenda item 7

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

Draft report

Rapporteur: Mr. Wahid BEN AMOR (Tunisia)

ORGANIZATION OF THE WORK OF THE SESSION

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations held its 1996 session from 13 to 17 May 1996 and from 26 to 30 August 1996, in accordance with Economic and Social Council decision 1996/209 of 9 February 1996. The Committee held __ meetings (592nd to _____ meetings).

B. Attendance

2. The representatives of the following States members of the Committee attended: Bulgaria, Chile, China, Costa Rica, Cuba, Ethiopia, Greece, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Madagascar, Paraguay, Philippines, Russian Federation, Sudan, Tunisia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America.

3. The following States Members of the United Nations were represented by observers: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Côte d'Ivoire, Egypt, Italy, Japan, Lesotho, Mexico, Pakistan, Peru, Romania, Spain, Turkey, Ukraine and Viet Nam.

4. The following specialized agencies were represented: International Labour Organization and United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

5. The following non-governmental organizations were represented: (to be completed)

C. Election of officers

6. At its 592nd meeting, on 13 May 1996, the Committee elected the following officers by acclamation:

Chairman: Fidel Coloma (Chile)

Vice-Chairmen: Valentin Hadjiiski (Bulgaria)
John D. Biggar (Ireland)
Wahid Ben Amor (Tunisia)

7. At its 596th meeting, on 15 May, the Committee elected by acclamation Gautam Mukhopadhaya (India) Vice-Chairman and decided that Wahid Ben Amor (Tunisia), would also serve as Rapporteur of the Committee.

D. Agenda

8. At its 592nd meeting, on 13 May, the Committee adopted the provisional agenda for its 1996 session as contained in document E/C.2/1996/1. The agenda was as follows:

1. Election of officers.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

3. Applications for consultative status received from non-governmental organizations:

   (a) Application for consultative status deferred from the 1995 session of the Committee and application referred back to the Committee by the Economic and Social Council;

   (b) New applications for consultative status.

4. Review of quadrennial reports submitted by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, categories I and II.

5. Implementation of Economic and Social Council decision 1995/304.

6. Provisional agenda and documentation for the 1997 session of the Committee.

7. Adoption of the report of the Committee.

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IMPLEMENTATION OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL DECISION 1996/304

United States: draft decision

Streamlining the work of the Committee on
Non-Governmental Organizations

The Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations agrees to do its utmost to use its time efficiently, expedite its work and streamline its working methods so as to enable it to complete its work within the time allotted.

In order to reduce the time necessary to consider each application, the Committee hereby agrees that the following procedures will apply for its consideration of applications:

(a) No application will be distributed to Committee members until it is complete and all missing information has been supplied by the organization at the request of the Secretariat;

(b) Once deemed complete by the Secretariat, applications will be distributed no less than four months before the Committee session. After consulting the Bureau of the Committee, the Secretariat is requested to withhold from consideration any application which does not appear to be complete;

(c) Committee members agree to review applications and submit any additional questions to the Secretariat no less than 60 days before the session so that the Secretariat can obtain the required answers and distribute them to members no less than 30 days before the session;

(d) Committee members reserve the right to address additional questions to applicants during the session. It is envisaged, however, that the vast majority of applications will be adopted without discussion.

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